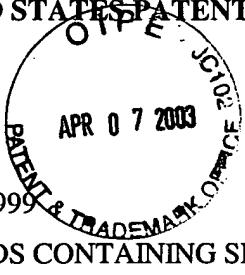


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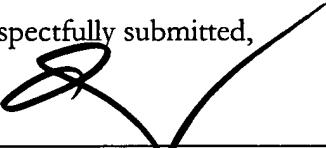
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's October 7, 2002 Office Action finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$160.00 for filing this Notice is enclosed herewith as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b). Applicants have concurrently filed a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on or before April 7, 2003.

The applicant in the above-identified application is now a small entity, and is therefore entitled claim status as a small entity. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-534C CIP1. A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

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